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## CROWDS EXPECTED FOR ANNUAL FAIR

Preparations Being Completed Rapidly

## MANY PREMIUMS ARE OFFERED

Grand Stand, Arena and Stalls are rapidly going up and will be in readiness for exhibits, exhibitors and visitors. Swine Department to be large.

With the county fair but several days off, preparations are rapidly being completed to take care of the exhibits, exhibitors and visitors. Carpenters have been busy getting the grandstand, arena and stalls in condition for the annual event and long before the time arrives for the exhibition to begin all preparations will have been completed.

As in past years, the fair will be held in the Garlington Meadow, an ideal place for it. Ample space will be left for buggies, automobiles, wagons, or any other kind of traveling vehicle and the indications are that the crowds will take up a large part of the space allotted to them.

The premium list is printed in another section of this paper. While, as in past years, premiums are not allotted for every entry, some premiums are being held back for distribution among noteworthy exhibits and other premiums will be transferred where there are no entries. It is thought, therefore, that every worthy exhibit will receive recognition in the way of a premium.

Farm Demonstration Agent P. W. Moore states for the benefit of the Boys Pig Club members of the county that he wants as many of them as possible to take advantage of the County Fair to show what they have done this year in this work. The managers of the fair promise to take care of all exhibits of the boys, and prizes will be offered for the best. He also wants Laurens County represented at the State Fair with one or two fine exhibits from the boys. These can be crated and shipped direct to Columbia from the grounds. The boys should see or phone Mr. Moore for further information.

To many the annual fair has come to be an occasion when stock can be sold or exchanged. This year the indications are that more actual traffic of this kind will be carried on than ever before, especially in the pig line. All those who have blooded stock of any kind to sell would do well to have it at the fair where it can be shown to large numbers of people.

Secretary C. A. Power is now receiving applications for entry blanks. He will be glad to furnish the motto all those who ask for them. He has made a special request that entries be made as early as possible, so that none will be barred from the ring.

The judges this year will be all Laurens county men. They have not been announced yet, but it is assured that they will be an impartial and capable set of men.

Laurens will throw its gates wide open Friday and everybody is welcome to the city. Outside of a few little restrictions to be placed on reckless driving, the freedom of the city will be given to all the visitors. The restrictions on reckless driving are intended for the protection of all.

Following the regular exhibits in the arena, a foot ball game will be played in the afternoon between the Laurens and Anderson high schools. No admission will be charged to the game and everybody will be welcome to attend it. The game promises to be an exciting one.

## Little George Moore Dies.

After an illness of several days, Little George Moore, the 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Moore, died early Thursday morning. The body was laid to rest Thursday afternoon in the Prospect cemetery, Rev. S. H. Templeman conducting the funeral services. The parents of this little child, having him with them only long enough to become deeply endeared, have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

## FORMER LAURENS MAN WAS KILLED IN MISSISSIPPI

Boyce Wolff Shot by Negro Employee—Body Brought Back Home for Burial, the Exercises of Which Were Conducted at Rabun Sunday Afternoon. Boyce E. Wolff, eldest son of Mr.

and Mrs. John H. Wolff, of the Shiloh section of this county, met a tragic death at his home at Lobdell, Miss., last Thursday, when he was shot and killed by a negro farm hand because of an alleged misunderstanding about the work of the negro's wife. In his flight, after fatally shooting Mr. Wolff, the negro desperado seriously wounded the old colored cook and shot three negro men on the place, according to details of the tragedies brought to Laurens County by Mrs. Wolff and other members of the funeral party.

News of the killing of Mr. Wolff was received in Laurens Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Wolff, wife of the deceased, sending a telegram to this effect to Mr. John H. Wolff, father of her late husband. In the great sorrow thus suddenly thrust upon the young wife, the parents and the large family connection, as well as hundreds of friends in this section, all have the deep sympathy of the people of Laurens.

The body of Mr. Wolff, accompanied by Mrs. Wolff, her sister and one or two friends from her home, arrived in Greenville Saturday afternoon. Members of the family and several friends met the party in the Mountain City and escorted the remains to the former home of the young man, the trip being made by automobile conveyance. Sunday afternoon the funeral and burial services were held at Rabun Creek church, the exercises being conducted by the Rev. T. W. Munterlyn and Rev. John H. Washington, both of Gray Court. It is said to have been one of the most largely attended funerals ever held at Rabun.

Mr. Wolff was shot as he stood just inside the yard fence, the negro being on the outside. It seems that the wife of the alleged murderer had refused to pick cotton in a certain section designated by Mr. Wolff and had quit work, at the same time demanding a settlement. Mr. Wolff explained that he would pay off Saturday as usual. The woman carried her grievance to her husband. Shortly afterward he came to the house, called Mr. Wolff out and demanded payment for his wife's work. Again Mr. Wolff refused, whereupon the negro drew a pistol and shot his employer through the head, death ensuing in a few moments.

As the negro fled from the scene of the tragedy it seems that he passed by the colored cook who was picking cotton near the house, and shot and seriously wounded her, saying that she would not be left to tell anything about the former tragedy, she evidently having witnessed the shooting of Mr. Wolff. Officers, aided by a posse of citizens and bloodhounds from the State farm, near by, at once took up the trail of the negro. In the trail of the fugitive through the delta, three bodies of negroes were found, all believed victims of the deadly shot of the desperado. At last accounts the negro had not been apprehended, though every effort possible was being made to run him down.

Mr. Wolff was about thirty years of age. Several years ago he graduated from Clemson College, taking the agricultural course. For a few years after graduation he was employed in the agricultural department at Washington, and later he was sent out west to manage an experimental farm station for the government. He succeeded so well that he soon attracted the attention of a large planter by whom he was employed to superintend a big delta plantation, located fourteen miles from Greenville, Miss. He employed a large number of negroes in the operation of the farm, and the negro who shot him had been trusted as a foreman, it is said.

About four years ago Mr. Wolff married Miss Zallie Brinker, formerly of West Point, Miss., the wedding taking place in Washington, D. C.

## Council Meetings Open to Reporters.

At the meeting of City Council held Monday night, a resolution was introduced by Alderman J. D. Watts and passed allowing newspaper reporters the privilege of attending and reporting the meetings.

## AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED BY W. R. RICHEY, JR.

Relate to Allegations of Fraud and Corruption in Recent Primary Election.

W. R. Richey, Jr., member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from this county, has furnished The Advertiser a number of the affidavits which he asked to have investigated by the committee at its meeting following the second primary election and on which he based his allegations of fraud and corruption in the primary. Mr. Richey states that these are only a few of a large number of affidavits which he had in his hands at that time. They are as follows: State of South Carolina, Laurens County.

Personally came before me B. R. Todd who, first being duly sworn, says that he is a resident of Laurens county, South Carolina and besides being a farmer is engaged in the civil engineering business and resides about five miles north-west of Laurens Court House at or near Barksdale Station in Laurens County, South Carolina; that on or about September 9th, 1916, Saturday before the second primary, he was a visitor in the City of Greenville, S. C., and while in Greenville was approached by one Joe Robertson, who is a barber by trade; that on said date the said Joe Robertson approached this deponent as aforesaid and told this deponent that he had \$22,000.00 that he was going to spend in buying votes for Richard I. Manning for governor and asked this deponent if he knew where he could place \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 of said money in Laurens county to be used in buying votes for Governor Manning; this deponent was very much surprised at the enormous amount of money which the said Joe Robertson mentioned and thought he was joking in reference to the amount, but he was afterwards convinced and variously believes that the said Joe Robertson had said amount of money and intended to spend it in the interest of Governor Manning; that deponent became very much incensed at this offer of bribery and expressed himself in no uncertain terms and among other things told the said Joe Robertson that he could not speak for the whole of the county but that he would give him to distinctly understand that he could not place it with him, deponent, and that he didn't think he could place it at all in Laurens county for as a general rule Laurens County voters didn't belong to that class whose votes could be bought; that the said Joe Robertson thereupon stated that he had bought votes in the past and that he was going to spend this \$22,000.00 in buying votes for Governor Manning in the election on September 12, 1916.

B. R. TODD.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of October, 1916.  
O. G. Thompson,  
J. P. L. C.

6 CN K 11 Collect.  
Aiken, S. C., 10:20 AM Sept. 19, 1916  
Cole L. Blease, Columbia, S. C.:  
Will furnish vote buying by Manning people in Aiken county.  
L. M. C. Oliveros,  
Master Aiken County. 10:36 AM

Dillon, S. C., Sept. 12.  
Cole L. Blease,  
Cola, S. C.  
Manning eleven sixty three Blease one thousand and ten could not combat the money votes sold openly.  
W. Murchison. WMeftanis.

State of South Carolina,  
Richland County.

Personally appeared before me who after being duly sworn says: we vote at Garners in Richland County. There were 97 votes polled there. The envelopes in which the votes were put gave out and some were placed in the box without being placed in the envelopes. After the voting the votes were counted in both State and county boxes. In the county box there were 97 votes. In the state box they only counted 96. We demanded that they be recounted which was done, but the missing vote was not found. The envelopes were then opened and the regular count made. After this was done we looked for the missing vote and found it where Mr. Earle Brown was sitting buried under the sand. It was not in an envelope and was for Gov. Blease. We demanded that it be counted but they refused, saying it was too late. The managers were Mr. Earle Brown, Wess Campbell, Lester Cobb and Ernest DuBose. They are all bitter against Gov. Blease.

H. H. DRAUDY,  
ARTHUR READINGS,  
THOMAS DRAUDY.

Sorn to before me this 24th day of September, 1916.  
B. L. McDowell,  
N. P. S. C.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Darlington.

Personally appeared before me J. Coyt Gaiely who on his oath says that one W. A. Summer, manager of said election held at Hartsville, S. C., did take from his pants pocket several tickets cast today at said election and he on his oath says that one of said tickets which was a state ticket was counted in said ballot.

J. COYT GAILEY.  
Sworn to before me this 12th day

of Sept., 1916. A. D.  
A. Eugene Davis,  
Not. Pub. for S. C.

Estelle, S. C., Sept. 12, 1916.  
Hon. Cole L. Blease,  
Cola, S. C.

Managers here opened box after election started allowed voter to take vote from one box and put in another.  
E. A. Zeigler.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Greenville.

Personally appeared before me Boyce Littlefield, Bill Timmons and Marvin Littlefield, who on being duly sworn said they are residents of Greer, and that the said Boyce Littlefield is a qualified elector and votes at Victor Mills at Greer, S. C., that the said Marvin Littlefield and Bill Timmons are qualified electors and vote at the Greer voting precinct, and that on the 12th day of September, 1916, they each and all of them were approached by Bud Littlefield, Ben Littlefield and Hoxey Landford in the office of Greer, S. C. and offered whiskey and money to cast their ballot for Richard I. Manning for Governor instead of Cole L. Blease and that all three of the above named accepted the whiskey from Bud Littlefield and Hoxey Landford and that the said Bill Timmons and Boyce Littlefield accepted money. Ben Littlefield paying the said Bill Timmons one dollar and Bud Littlefield paid Boyce Littlefield two dollars, all of which was paid and accepted for the sole purpose of intimidating and buying their ballots for Richard I. Manning for Governor, and they were offered more money by the said Ben Littlefield, Bud Littlefield and Hoxey Landford for any votes which they might secure for Manning. The said Marvin Littlefield, Bill Timmons and Boyce Littlefield, make this statement of their own free will and accord and without the offer of any compensation.  
MARVIN LITTLEFIELD,  
BOYCE LITTLEFIELD,  
BILL TIMMONS.

Sworn to before me this Sept. 13th, 1916.  
James H. Price,  
N. P. S. C.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Greenville.

Personally came before me G. O. Johnson who upon being duly sworn says: That he is a resident of the city and county of Greenville, State of South Carolina, and is a qualified voter and legally enrolled upon the club rolls of Ward Five, Democratic Club, of the City of Greenville. That on the morning of Tuesday, September 12th, 1916, deponent was approached by one J. I. West who displayed to him marked county and State Democratic Primary Ballots for second primary; that the said J. I. West did pay to the deponent G. O. Johnson, the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) in legal currency of the United States of America to be his in consideration of the casting of these ballots as marked, which ballots and said money is hereto attached.

G. O. JOHNSON.  
Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 18th day of Sept. A. D. 1916.  
Eugene Pollard,  
Notary Public for S. C.

I further certify that the attached two one dollar bills and the State and County tickets hereto attached are the ones that deponent above attached to this affidavit.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of September, 1916.  
Eugene Pollard,  
Notary Public for S. C.

State of South Carolina,  
Greenville County.

Personally appeared before me J. B. Hembree who on oath says that on Saturday night, the 9th of Sept. 1915, Dr. J. G. Meek approached me in McCull's Drug Store and stated to me that he wanted me to change from Blease to Manning and handed me Five Dollars and said, we expect you to vote with us. He stated further that he wanted me to hang around the drug store and laugh and joke with the boys and tell them that I have changed to Manning. Deponent further says that he was one of the managers at the Piedmont box and didn't work for Manning and voted for Blease.

J. B. HEMBREE.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this Sept. 15th, 1916.  
Jax. P. Carey, Jr.,  
N. P. S. C.

State of South Carolina,  
Greenville County.

Personally appeared G. W. Rutledge, who being duly sworn says he is a resident of Greenville County and regularly and duly enrolled on the club roll of Brandon Democratic Club; that on Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1916, he was approached by one Harvey Fletcher at Brandon precinct polling place in Greenville County and that the said Harvey Fletcher did give deponent one dollar and a marked ballot, the money to be his in consideration for voting said ballot in the second democratic primary being held on that day; that the ballot was to be cast for Richard I. Manning for Governor and had the name Cole L. Blease scratched off.

G. W. RUTLEDGE.  
Sworn to before me, 19th day of Sept. A. D. 1916.  
E. F. Hammond,  
N. P. S. C.

Ticket as scratched attached to affidavit.

## W. H. DRUMMOND DEAD.

Passed Away at his Home in Lanford Tuesday Night. Buried Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Drummond, whose serious illness was mentioned in the last issue of this paper, died at his home in Lanford last Tuesday night, following a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Drummond had been in declining health for several months and the end was not unexpected. The funeral services were held the following day at the Lanford Baptist church, being conducted by Rev. I. N. Kennedy, pastor of the A. R. P. church at Ora. One of the largest crowds ever assembled in that community, attended the funeral services.

Mr. Drummond was in the 62nd year of his age and up until a few months ago was in robust health. He went to Baltimore for treatment several months ago and on his return was considered better. The collapse came Monday following some strenuous exercise looking after business interests.

Mr. Drummond is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Rogers, and the following sons and daughters: Toy, Charles, Willie, James, Frank and Samuel Drummond; Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Mrs. Louis Anderson, Mrs. T. L. W. Bailey and Mrs. C. P. Vincent. He also leaves two widowed sisters, Mrs. J. A. Martin and Mrs. O. J. Fowler.

Mr. Drummond was a man of sterling worth and greatly honored in his community and state. He was a member and active worker in the Baptist church, being clerk, treasurer and Sunday school teacher. He took a great deal of interest in the spiritual and educational welfare of his community. He was a Mason and Woodman and took much interest in fraternal affairs. He will be greatly missed in his community.

## RECORD PRICES FOR COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Cotton Yesterday Brought the highest Price Paid in Forty Years.

Cotton yesterday brought the highest price that has been paid for short staple in forty years or more, the local market closing Tuesday afternoon at 17.13-16.

The price of cotton seed advanced to \$3 the hundred weight, or \$60 a ton, which is also a record over the high prices that have obtained this season for this important product. Mr. D. E. Todd, whose card appears in today's issue of the paper, is the dealer who offers the fancy price for seed on the local market.

## Death of Mrs. Jas. W. Boyd.

The friends in Neyberry and Laurens counties, and other portions of the state, will be sorry to learn of the death yesterday morning of Mrs. Jas. W. Boyd, at her home in St. Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. O. B. Evans of Kinards received a telegram Monday, the 16th, from Mr. Boyd, conveying the sad news.

Mr. Boyd is a native of Laurens county and graduate of Wofford college. Shortly after graduating, he married Miss Fannie Sharpe of Abbeville, and they moved to St. Joseph, Mo., where he has risen to distinction at the bar. They have only one child, Mrs. Rogers, of Chicago.

Mr. Boyd is a brother of Mr. W. D. Boyd of Hopewell and Mrs. O. B. Evans of Kinards—Newberry Observer.

## May Go Higher.

That the question of constitutionality of the gallon-a-month law, which the state supreme court in a decision handed down Saturday upheld, will probably be carried to the United States supreme court, was stated Monday afternoon by Attorney Clinton T. Graydon, who made the argument before the South Carolina court. Mr. Graydon has two years in which to take his appeal and will therefore await the decision of the highest tribunal of the nation on other cases, which have strong points of similarity to the one recently decided by the court here.

## Honor Roll of Wadsworth School.

First Grade—Fannie Lou Grizzle.  
Second Grade—Louise Buford.  
Fourth Grade—Mildred Workman.  
Fifth Grade—Agnes Davis, Ruth Workman.  
Sixth Grade—James Young.  
Eighth Grade—Josephine Workman.  
Tenth Grade—Seyborn Day.

## CLINTON WOMAN KILLED IN WRECK

Others Are Seriously Injured Sunday

## TRAIN CRASHES IN- TO LOADED AUTO

Another Wreck Also When Rails Spread and Passenger Train Goes into the Ditch. No Fatalities in This Wreck. Both Occur Near Clinton.

Clinton, Oct. 16.—Two accidents, one already fatal and the other very likely to result so, happened near Clinton Sunday afternoon.

About 2 o'clock, two and a half miles from here, Seaboard Air Line train No. 5, solid vestibule, south bound, left the track. Jim Haton, the colored fireman, in jumping from the engine was perhaps fatally injured.

Nearly an hour after the Seaboard Air Line wreck, and about 200 yards from the scene of it, an automobile carrying nine passengers was struck by Atlantic Coast Line train No. 53, from Greenville to Charleston, and Mrs. Ellen Douglass, a widow, had her skull fractured, from which she died at 7:30 last night at the Clinton hospital.

The aboard accident took place just beyond Dover Junction. It seems that the train was running at the rate of about 5 miles an hour and while it was rounding a sharp curve the rails spread. The tender, mail car, combination baggage and passenger coach were turned over, while the engine and day coach were derailed. The diner, Pullman and observation cars remained on the track.

It is believed that Fireman Haton was fatally injured in jumping. He was taken to Abbeville. Baggage-master Smith of Mountville, S. C., was severely shaken up and it is not yet known to what extent he was injured. Many of the passengers were thrown from their seats, but so far as can be learned, none was seriously hurt.

## Injured Rushed to Hospital.

Physicians and surgeons were promptly summoned and every attention possible was given the injured, the most seriously hurt of whom were brought to the Clinton hospital in a special train that was rushed from the Seaboard Air Line shops at Abbeville. Local Seaboard trains Nos. 52 and 53, north bound and south bound, respectively, took the passengers from the wrecked train transferred their own passengers, and each retraced its route. The cross ties under the wreckage were a mass of kindling, and the rails were bent into many peculiar shapes.

Many people from Clinton and surrounding territory visited the scene of the wreck this afternoon, and those arriving first, and others already in the vicinity, rendered all aid possible to the injured. The train was of solid steel, which no doubt prevented a heavy loss of life.

## Train Crashes Into Auto.

The automobile struck by A. C. L. train No. 53 was on its way from Clinton Mills to Hurricane church, about five miles from Clinton with nine occupants, who were thrown in every direction. The car was completely demolished.

Besides Mrs. Douglass, who was fatally hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crow were severely bruised, but apparently not seriously injured. Mrs. Douglass was the mother of Mrs. Crow. The other occupants of the car were children, who were badly hurt.

It was stated that the driver of the car could not see the approaching train until within a few feet of the track and was then unable to stop his car, although applying the brakes until the front wheels were on the track.

## Real Estate Deal.

Mr. John E. Bolt, formerly of this city but now of MeColl, has closed his handsome residence on South Cooper street to Capt. Brooks Swartz, taking in part payment Capt. Swartz's cottage on Irby street. The deal was made through B. M. Wolf, real estate agent.